

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims

Please amend claims 1-15, so that the claims read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An electric floor heating system capable of preventing low-temperature burn which system comprises an electric floor heating panel and a floor material placed thereon; wherein said floor material is formed by laminating integrally an upper material having a thickness (d) of from 0.01 to 12 mm and forming ~~the a~~ floor surface, a heat diffusing material having a thickness (t) of from 30 to 1,000 μm and disposed below the upper material horizontally to the floor surface, and a lower material comprising a wood material having a thickness of 3 to 15 mm and whose lower surface contacts the panel; and wherein when said panel is selected from those whose minimum value (p1) of ~~the a~~ maximum power is 65 W/m^2 and whose maximum value (p2) of the maximum power is any of (1) to (12) below, said upper material thickness (d) and said heat diffusing material thickness (t) are set to fulfill relational expression (I):

$$t \geq a \times d^2 + b \quad (\text{I})$$

into which coefficients a and b predetermined by the maximum value (p2) of the maximum power are introduced, such that said floor material is so constructed that with the floor surface blocked by a human body and heated by said panel ~~selected, the contacting surface a~~ temperature of the floor surface contacting the human body is kept at 42°C or below:

- (1) when p2 is 140 W/m^2 , a is 2.1 and b is 50;
- (2) when p2 is 150 W/m^2 , a is 2.9 and b is 71;
- (3) when p2 is 160 W/m^2 , a is 4.5 and b is 113;
- (4) when p2 is 170 W/m^2 , a is 7.6 and b is 163;
- (5) when p2 is 180 W/m^2 , a is 17.9 and b is 228;
- (6) when p2 is 230 W/m^2 , a is 69.4 and b is 553;
- (7) when p2 is 240 W/m^2 , a is 79.7 and b is 618;
- (8) when p2 is 250 W/m^2 , a is 90.0 and b is 683;
- (9) when p2 is 260 W/m^2 , a is 100.3 and b is 748;
- (10) when p2 is 270 W/m^2 , a is 110.6 and b is 813;
- (11) when p2 is 280 W/m^2 , a is 120.9 and b is 878; and
- (12) when p2 is 290 W/m^2 , a is 131.2 and b is 943.

2. (Currently Amended) The electric floor heating system according to claim 1 wherein said heat diffusing material [[is]] comprises aluminum.

3. (Currently Amended) The electric floor heating system according to claim 1 wherein ~~the a~~ total thickness of said floor material is from [[2]] 4 to 40 mm.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An A~~ panel for an electric floor heating system, formed by connecting foldably a predetermined number of electric heating boards to each other, wherein said panel is so designed as to cover 60 to 70 percent of a room where said panel is to be installed; ~~the a~~ minimum value (p1) of ~~the a~~ maximum power of said panel is 65 W/m² and ~~the a~~ maximum value (p2) of the maximum power of said panel is limited depending on a floor material combined therewith; wherein said floor material is formed by laminating integrally an upper material having a thickness (d) of from 0.01 to 12 mm and forming ~~the a~~ floor surface, a heat diffusing material having a thickness (t) of from 30 to 1,000 µm and disposed below said upper material horizontally to the floor surface, and a lower material comprising a wood material having a thickness of 3 to 15 mm and disposed below said heat diffusing material; and when said upper material thickness (d) and said heat diffusing material thickness (t) fulfill any of the ~~relations of relationships~~ (1) to (12) below, the maximum value (p2) of the maximum power is determined as follows:

- (1) when $t \geq 2.1 \times d^2 + 50$ is fulfilled, p2 is 140 W/m²;
- (2) when $t \geq 2.9 \times d^2 + 71$ is fulfilled, p2 is 150 W/m²;
- (3) when $t \geq 4.5 \times d^2 + 113$ is fulfilled, p2 is 160 W/m²;
- (4) when $t \geq 7.6 \times d^2 + 163$ is fulfilled, p2 is 170 W/m²;
- (5) when $t \geq 17.9 \times d^2 + 228$ is fulfilled, p2 is 180 W/m²;
- (6) when $t \geq 69.4 \times d^2 + 553$ is fulfilled, p2 is 230 W/m²;
- (7) when $t \geq 79.7 \times d^2 + 618$ is fulfilled, p2 is 240 W/m²;
- (8) when $t \geq 90.0 \times d^2 + 683$ is fulfilled, p2 is 250 W/m²;
- (9) when $t \geq 100.3 \times d^2 + 748$ is fulfilled, p2 is 260 W/m²;
- (10) when $t \geq 110.6 \times d^2 + 813$ is fulfilled, p2 is 270 W/m²;
- (11) when $t \geq 120.9 \times d^2 + 878$ is fulfilled, p2 is 280 W/m²; and
- (12) when $t \geq 131.2 \times d^2 + 943$ is fulfilled, p2 is 290 W/m².

5. (Currently Amended) The panel for an electric floor heating system according to claim 4 wherein said predetermined number of electric heating boards are foldably connected to ~~the~~ respective adjacent electric heating boards by putting connecting belts through through-openings provided on edge side portions of the electric heating boards.

6. (Currently Amended) The panel for an electric floor heating system according to claim 4 wherein ~~the~~ a heating element of said electric heating board comprises a mesh-structured body formed by joining a non-conductive fiber and a conductive fiber at their intersections; electrodes joined on ~~the~~ both sides of said conductive fiber; an anchor part having a roughness on its surface and disposed on said electrodes; a fiber-reinforced prepreg sheet laminated on said anchor part and having a through-opening for a lead wire; and a resin film [[70]] laminated on said prepreg sheet and having a through-opening whose diameter is larger than said through-opening, formed into a molded body by a pressure-heating treatment, and said anchor part is molded on its portion corresponding to said through-opening of said prepreg sheet, with a resin.

7. (Currently Amended) The panel for an electric floor heating system according to claim 4 which is composed of 2 to 10 electric heating boards.

8. (Currently Amended) The panel for an electric floor heating system according to claim 4 wherein said heat diffusing material [[is]] comprises aluminum.

9. (Currently Amended) A low-temperature burn preventing floor heating floor material, wherein said floor material is formed by laminating integrally an upper material having a thickness (d) of from 0.01 to 12 mm and forming ~~the~~ a floor surface, a heat diffusing material having a thickness (t) of from 30 to 1,000 μm and disposed below said upper material horizontally to the floor surface, and a lower material comprising a wood material having a thickness of 3 to 15 mm and disposed below said heat diffusing material; wherein said floor material is formed integrally with a panel whose minimum value (p1) of ~~the~~ a maximum power is 65 W/m^2 and whose maximum value (p2) of the maximum power is any of those in (1) to (12) below; and wherein said upper material thickness (d) and said heat diffusing material thickness (t) are determined so as to fulfill any of the relations relationships (1) to (12) below corresponding to the maximum value (p2) of the maximum power:

- (1) when p2 is $140 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$, $t \geq 2.1 \times d^2 + 50$;
- (2) when p2 is $150 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$, $t \geq 2.9 \times d^2 + 71$;
- (3) when p2 is $160 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$, $t \geq 4.5 \times d^2 + 113$;
- (4) when p2 is $170 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$, $t \geq 7.6 \times d^2 + 163$;
- (5) when p2 is $180 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$, $t \geq 17.9 \times d^2 + 228$;
- (6) when p2 is $230 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$, $t \geq 69.4 \times d^2 + 553$;
- (7) when p2 is $240 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$, $t \geq 79.7 \times d^2 + 618$;

- (8) when p_2 is 250 W/m^2 , $t \geq 90.0 \times d^2 + 683$;
- (9) when p_2 is 260 W/m^2 , $t \geq 100.3 \times d^2 + 748$;
- (10) when p_2 is 270 W/m^2 , $t \geq 110.6 \times d^2 + 813$;
- (11) when p_2 is 280 W/m^2 , $t \geq 120.9 \times d^2 + 878$; and
- (12) when p_2 is 290 W/m^2 , $t \geq 131.2 \times d^2 + 943$.

10. (Currently Amended) The floor heating floor material according to claim 9 wherein said heat diffusing material [[is]] comprises aluminum.

11. (Currently Amended) The floor heating floor material according to claim 9 wherein ~~the~~ a total thickness of said floor material is from [[2]] 4 to 40 mm.

12. (Currently Amended) An electric floor heating device which is ~~the~~ a combination of an electric floor heating panel formed by connecting foldably a predetermined number of electric heating boards to each other and a floor material, wherein ~~the~~ a minimum value (p_1) of ~~the~~ a maximum power of said panel is 65 W/m^2 and ~~the~~ a maximum value (p_2) of the maximum power of said panel is limited depending on a floor material combined therewith; wherein said floor material is formed by laminating integrally an upper material having a thickness (d) of from 0.01 to 12 mm and forming ~~the~~ a floor surface, a heat diffusing material having a thickness (t) of from 30 to 1,000 μm and disposed below said upper material horizontally to the floor surface, and a lower material comprising a wood material having a thickness of 3 to 15 mm and disposed below said heat diffusing material; and when said upper material thickness (d) and said heat diffusing material thickness (t) fulfill any of the relations relationships of (1) to (12) below, the maximum value (p_2) of the maximum power is determined as follows:

- (1) when $t \geq 2.1 \times d^2 + 50$ is fulfilled, p_2 is 140 W/m^2 ;
- (2) when $t \geq 2.9 \times d^2 + 71$ is fulfilled, p_2 is 150 W/m^2 ;
- (3) when $t \geq 4.5 \times d^2 + 113$ is fulfilled, p_2 is 160 W/m^2 ;
- (4) when $t \geq 7.6 \times d^2 + 163$ is fulfilled, p_2 is 170 W/m^2 ;
- (5) when $t \geq 17.9 \times d^2 + 228$ is fulfilled, p_2 is 180 W/m^2 ;
- (6) when $t \geq 69.4 \times d^2 + 553$ is fulfilled, p_2 is 230 W/m^2 ;
- (7) when $t \geq 79.7 \times d^2 + 618$ is fulfilled, p_2 is 240 W/m^2 ;
- (8) when $t \geq 90.0 \times d^2 + 683$ is fulfilled, p_2 is 250 W/m^2 ;
- (9) when $t \geq 100.3 \times d^2 + 748$ is fulfilled, p_2 is 260 W/m^2 ;
- (10) when $t \geq 110.6 \times d^2 + 813$ is fulfilled, p_2 is 270 W/m^2 ;
- (11) when $t \geq 120.9 \times d^2 + 878$ is fulfilled, p_2 is 280 W/m^2 ; and
- (12) when $t \geq 131.2 \times d^2 + 943$ is fulfilled, p_2 is 290 W/m^2 .

13. (Currently Amended) The electric floor heating ~~system~~ device according to claim [[2]] 12 wherein the total thickness of said floor material is from [[2]] 4 to 40 mm.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~panel for an~~ electric floor heating device according to claim [[5]] 12 wherein ~~the~~ a heating element of said electric heating board comprises a mesh-structured body formed by joining a non-conductive fiber and a conductive fiber at their intersections; electrodes joined on ~~the~~ both sides of said conductive fiber; an anchor part having a roughness on its surface and disposed on said electrodes; a fiber-reinforced prepreg sheet laminated on said anchor part and having a through-opening for a lead wire; and a resin film [[70]] laminated on said prepreg sheet and having a through-opening whose diameter is larger than said through-opening, formed into a molded body by a pressure-heating treatment, and said anchor part is molded on its portion corresponding to said through-opening of said prepreg sheet, with a resin.

15. (Currently Amended) The electric floor heating ~~floor material~~ device according to claim [[10]] 12 wherein ~~the total thickness of said floor material is from 2 to 40 mm~~ said heat diffusing material comprises aluminum.